

CLAIMS

I claim:

1. A napkin comprising:
 - a) a sheet of flexible material having a top, a bottom and a first edge; and
 - b) repositionable adhesive on the bottom of the sheet.
2. The napkin of claim 1 wherein the repositionable adhesive is applied to the sheet by spraying a solution or dispersion of a normally tacky and pressure-sensitive adhesive in a liquid carrier and thereafter evaporating the liquid carrier, leaving a non-repetitive discontinuous pattern of spaced islands of adhesive.
3. The napkin of claim 2 further comprising a removable liner that adheres to the adhesive but does not adhere to the sheet.
4. The napkin of claim 1 wherein the sheet has a plurality of protrusions extending from the bottom near the first edge and adhesive between the protrusions such that when the protrusions are collapsed, the adhesive is exposed.
5. The napkin of claim 1 further comprising a plurality of sheets which are placed one upon the other to form a stack, wherein the adhesive is applied near the first edge of each sheet, the bottom of each sheet is in contact with the top of another sheet, and the first edges of each sheet are in substantial alignment with the first edges of all other sheets.
6. An assembly of adhesive napkins dispensable one at a time comprising:
 - a) a length of flexible material having a top, a bottom, and a first edge opposite a second edge, the length perforated at spaced intervals between the first edge and the second edge to define a plurality of sheets; and
 - b) repositionable adhesive on the bottom of each sheet; wherein the length of material is rolled upon itself to form a roll from which one sheet can be separated from the length by tearing the length along the perforations.
7. The assembly of claim 6 wherein the adhesive is applied near the first edge.
8. The assembly of claim 6 wherein the adhesive is applied near the perforation.

9. The assembly of claim 6 wherein the adhesive is applied to the sheet by spraying a solution or dispersion of a normally tacky and pressure-sensitive adhesive in a liquid carrier and thereafter evaporating the liquid carrier, leaving a non-repetitive discontinuous pattern of spaced islands of adhesive.
10. The assembly of claim 6 further comprising a removable liner that adheres to the adhesive but does not adhere to the sheet.
11. The assembly according to claim 6 wherein the length of material has a plurality of protrusions extending from the bottom and adhesive between the protrusions such that when the protrusions are collapsed, the adhesive is exposed.
12. An assembly of adhesive napkins dispensable one at a time comprising:
 - a) a plurality of sheets of flexible material, each sheet having a top, a bottom, and a first edge opposite a second edge, and each sheet having at least one fold parallel to the first edge which divides the sheet into a first section and a second section;
 - b) repositionable adhesive on the bottom of each sheet; wherein the plurality of sheets are interleaved one upon the other to form a stack, the first and second edges of each sheet in substantial alignment with the first and second edges of all other sheets, respectively, such that lifting one sheet from the stack separates it from the stack and lifts the first section of the successive sheet.
13. The assembly of claim 12 wherein the adhesive is applied near the first edge.
14. The assembly of claim 12 wherein the adhesive is applied substantially perpendicularly to the first edge.
15. The assembly of claim 12 wherein the adhesive is applied to the sheet by spraying a solution or dispersion of a normally tacky and pressure-sensitive adhesive in a liquid carrier and thereafter evaporating the liquid carrier, leaving a non-repetitive discontinuous pattern of spaced islands of adhesive.
16. The assembly according to claim 12 wherein each sheet further comprises a plurality of protrusions extending from the bottom and adhesive between the protrusions such that when the protrusions are collapsed, the adhesive is exposed.
17. An assembly of adhesive napkins dispensable one at a time comprising:

- a) a plurality of sheets of flexible material, each sheet having a top, a bottom, and a first edge opposite a second edge;
- b) repositionable adhesive on the bottom of each sheet, the repositionable adhesive applied to each sheet by spraying a solution or dispersion of a normally tacky and pressure-sensitive adhesive in a liquid carrier and thereafter evaporating the liquid carrier, leaving a non-repetitive discontinuous pattern of spaced islands of adhesive;

wherein the plurality of sheets are placed one upon the other to form a stack, the adhesive of one sheet in contact with the top of another sheet and the edges of each sheet in substantial alignment with the first edges of all other sheets.

18. An assembly of adhesive napkins dispensable one at a time comprising:
 - a) a plurality of sheets of flexible material, each sheet having a top, a bottom, and a first edge opposite a second edge;
 - b) repositionable adhesive on the bottom of each sheet near its first edge;

wherein the plurality of sheets are placed one upon the other to form a stack, the adhesive of one sheet in contact with the top of another sheet and the first and second edges of each sheet in substantial alignment with the second and first edges of all other sheets, alternately, whereby lifting one sheet from the stack lifts the second edge of the successive sheet.
19. The assembly of claim 18 wherein the repositionable adhesive is applied to each sheet by spraying a solution or dispersion of a normally tacky and pressure-sensitive adhesive in a liquid carrier and thereafter evaporating the liquid carrier, leaving a non-repetitive discontinuous pattern of spaced islands of adhesive.
20. A napkin comprising:
 - a) a sheet of continuous, flexible absorbent material having a plurality of protrusions extending therefrom, the sheet further having a first edge; and
 - b) repositionable adhesive between the protrusions such that when the protrusions are collapsed, the adhesive is exposed.
21. The napkin of claim 22 further comprising a plurality of sheets which are placed one upon the other to form a stack, the bottom of each sheet is in contact with the top of another sheet, the first edges of each sheet are in substantial alignment with the

first edges of all other sheets, and the first edges of the plurality of sheets are pressed together so that they adhere to each other.

22. The napkin according to claim 22 wherein the sheet of material further comprises a top, a bottom, and a second edge opposite the first edge, the sheet perforated at spaced intervals between the first edge and the second edge to define a plurality of portions; and the sheet is rolled upon itself to form a roll from which one portion can be separated from the sheet by tearing the sheet along the perforations.
23. The napkin of claim 22 further comprising:
 - a) a plurality of sheets, each sheet having a top, a bottom, and a second edge opposite the first edge; and
 - b) each sheet having at least one fold parallel to the first edge which divides the sheet into a first section and a second section; and wherein the plurality of sheets are interleaved one upon the other to form a stack, the first and second edges of each sheet in substantial alignment with the first and second edges of all other sheets, respectively, such that lifting one sheet from the stack separates it from the stack and lifts the first section of the successive sheet.
24. The napkin of claim 22 further comprising a plurality of sheets, each sheet having a top, a bottom, and a second edge opposite the first edge; wherein the plurality of sheets are placed one upon the other to form a stack, the adhesive of one sheet in contact with the top of another sheet and the first and second edges of each sheet in substantial alignment with the second and first edges of all other sheets, alternately, whereby lifting one sheet from the stack lifts the second edge of the successive sheet.
25. A method of making an assembly of adhesive napkins comprising:
 - a) spraying a solution or dispersion of a normally tacky and pressure-sensitive adhesive in a liquid carrier onto a length of flexible material;
 - b) evaporating the liquid carrier, leaving a non-repetitive discontinuous pattern of spaced islands of adhesive on the sheet; and
 - c) perforating the length of flexible material at spaced intervals;
 - d) and rolling the length of flexible material into a roll;

wherein one sheet can be separated from the length by tearing the length along the perforations.

26. A method of making an assembly of adhesive napkins comprising:
 - a) spraying a solution or dispersion of a normally tacky and pressure-sensitive adhesive in a liquid carrier onto a sheet of flexible material;
 - b) evaporating the liquid carrier, leaving a non-repetitive discontinuous pattern of spaced islands of adhesive on the sheet; and
 - c) collating the sheets into a stack.
27. The method according to claim 26 further comprising:
 - a) folding the sheet parallel to the first edge which divides the sheet into a first section and a second section;
 - b) wherein collating further comprises interleaving one sheet upon the other to form the stack, the first and second edges of each sheet in substantial alignment with the first and second edges of all other sheets, respectively, such that lifting one sheet from the stack lifts the first section of the successive sheet.